(*c*) The examination was held for recruiting men having good handwriting with an elementary knowledge of the laws relating to the Registration and Stamps for first appointment as clerks in the Department on Rs. 15 to 25.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) 121.

(*f*) 116.

(*g*) 40.

Valiyarathala Ela to the north of the road leading from 5th mile M. S. road to Ooroottambalam.

247. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : With reference to the Valiyarathala *Ela* to the north of the road leading from the 5th mile M. S. road to Ooroottambalam, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the water that is taken into this *Ela* through the new culverts causes damage to the crops standing in about thirty acres of paddy lands because there is no proper outlet ;

(*b*) that the small pipes put up by the P. W. D. are hopelessly inadequate for the purpose ;

(*c*) that the *todu* existing on the north of this *Ela* and which was serving this purpose has been gradually filled up with sand ; and

(*d*) whether they have received any petitions from the ryots of the locality for deepening the above *todu* ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) and (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) The information is noted. The field owners are expected to clear and keep them in good condition from time to time.

(*d*) No.

Levelling up a todu by the side of Kundamankadavu-Malayinkizh road.

248. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they or the Chief Engineer has recently received any petition from the people of Malayinkizh, Marukil desom, Neyyattinkara taluk, complaining against the attempt of the Government to level up a *todu* running by the side of the road from the 4th mile, 7th furlong in the Kundamankadavu-Malayinkizh road for the purpose of widening up the road ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the said *todu* exists as a protection to the adjoining paddy fields and that its removal would cause damage to about 300 paras of paddy fields ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Executive Engineer, Trivandrum Division, has received a petition.

(*b*) It is reported that there is necessity for the *todu* and that no attempt is being made to remove it.

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